

19 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Records Disposal

1. On 19 February Mr. Robert Keller, General Counsel, GAO, called to give an informal opinion regarding the pending GSA amendments regarding records disposal. Mr. Keller's informal opinion was that CIA was subject to the Records Disposal Act of 1943 and that GAO would probably not care whether we destroyed existing financial records and certainly did not want to audit them. He suggested that this was true notwithstanding the fact that being subject to the 1943 Act would give the Comptroller General the option of either forcing us to retain all financial records indefinitely or submitting them for audit. He suggested the wisest course for us to follow would be to seek an exemption for proposed Section 508 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act.

2. John Warner contacted [redacted] NSA regarding his views on the pending legislation. Mr. Warner suggested that we would keep NSA informed as to our thinking on this topic with a view to possible joint action.

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